

Newlaites Junior School Council

Thursday 5th March, 2026

2.30pm

Present: Miss Lowther, Miss Prosser and all of the school council members (but only one representative from each of the year 3 classes due to play performance rehearsals).

Agenda:

1. Check toys ordered for the toy cupboard.
2. Friendship bench for the school playground
3. Further fundraising ideas - Miss Lowther/Miss Prosser to speak about ways to promote this further. (Any suggestions welcome.)
4. - AOB

1. Toys ordered

New toys have been ordered and are now available for the children to play with and the space hoppers in particular have gone down well. A year 5 representative to speak to Mr King about the possibility of ordering a new pump to blow up balls. (A child suggested that Mr Townsend has one - would this be available use?)

2. Friendship bench

There is a book bench in the playground that could be sanded down and painted. The school council would like to run a competition for the children to design a friendship bench. The winners would then get to paint the bench. The money raised from the book sale today could be used to buy paint. **Are any arty TAs willing to come forward to oversee this activity?** An entry form will be given out at the start of the summer term. (Mr Davidson to be asked to sand the bench down.) To be announced in assembly and on Dojo at the start of the summer term.

3. Further fundraising ideas

The money raised from the toy sale was greatly received by 'Eden Valley Hospice Jigsaw' who came into school to speak to the children about how the money donated would be spent. The presentation was very informative and gave the children a real insight into the work carried out.

The school council would like to raise further money for 'Jigsaw' and would love Hospuss to actually come to school. They would like to carry out a non-uniform day in the first half term of the final term with the

option to wear what you want. (Price £1.) A raffle will also take place with prizes already donated in school.

4. AOB

- To try and arrange for the school councillors to visit 'Jigsaw' after the fundraising takes place.

Items for the next meeting:

- Update on friendship bench for the school playground.
- Update on money raised for 'Jigsaw'.
- AOB

The meeting closed at 3.10pm